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WESTHAMPTON

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EASTHAMPTON NEWS COMPANY
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REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

For the Year Ending December 31, 1957

BIRTHS

Feb.	23	Diane Elizabeth Blakesley
Mar.	1	Cheryl Anne Weiler
Mar.	3	Daniel Joseph Fisher
Mar.	21	Howard Roy Perrea, Jr.
Mar.	27	Karen Jean Pinard
May	9	Theodore James Derouin
May	16	Christine Ruth Scott
June	6	James Paul Woodford
June	11	Robert Squier Osborne, Jr.
June	18	Rene James Reyes
July	19	Phyllis Jean Norris
Aug.	13	Donna Lee Inman
Aug.	24	Glen David Pinard
Sept.	17	Patricia Mann
Oct.	3	Debora Jean Buzzee
Oct.	12	Brian Richard Lacombe
Dec.	3	Frederick John Schumann
Dec.	11	Patricia Ann McGill

DEATHS

Nov.	26	Frank Stemmer Stuart

MARRIAGES

Jan.	13	Robert B. Verrill	Westhampton, Mass.
		Lois Ethelyn Hall	Freeport, Maine
April	3	Lawrence C. Smith	Hamilton, Mass.
		Elizabeth A. Loud	Hamilton, Mass.

June	5	James M. Chorak	Pueblo, Colorado
		Gwendolyn C. Nelson	Boston, Mass.
Aug.	31	Roger Anthony Boudreau	Holyoke, Mass.
		Mary Louise Marchand	Westhampton, Mass.
Oct.	5	Henry M. Parsons	Westhampton, Mass.
		Rhoda B. Hickey	Northampton, Mass.

DOG LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

49 Males	@	$2.00	$98.00
11 Female	@	5.00	55.00
39 Spayed	@	2.00	78.00
5 Kennel	@	10.00	50.00
			$281.00

Paid to Town Treasurer			$257.95
Retained 59 fees @ 20c		$11.80	
45 fees @ 25c		11.25	
			23.05
			$281.00

FISH AND GAME LICENSES

Licenses Issued:

45 Resident Fishing	@	$3.25	$146.25
60 Resident Hunting	@	3.25	195.00
71 Resident Sporting	@	5.25	372.75
7 Res. Minor Fishing	@	1.25	8.75

18 Res. Female Fishing	@	2.25	40.50	
4 Duplicate	@	.50	2.00	
				$765.25

Paid Division of Fisheries and Game			$715.00
Retained 201 Fees	@	.25	50.25
			$765.25

Free Licenses:

5 Resident Sporting and Trapping.

D. L. JUDD

Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

RECEIPTS

Balance on Hand January 1, 1957		$76,944.59
Taxes:		
1954 Real Estate	$ 9.25	
1955 Real Estate	65.10	
1956 Real Estate	5,469.83	
Personal Property	1,488.29	
Excise	3,437.29	
Poll	2.00	
1957 Real Estate	31,027.30	
Personal Property	6,331.99	
Farm Excise	320.00	
Excise	5,205.79	
Poll	276.00	
Interest on Taxes:		
1954	.86	
1955	3.97	
1956	171.36	
1957	27.21	
Demands:		
1954	.35	
1955	.70	
1956	2.80	
1957	.70	
Warrants:		
1955	.50	
1956	.50	
Highways:		
From Massachusetts State Treasurer		
Chap. 81 1955 Contract	3,317.09	
1956 Contract	5,473.30	
1957 Contract	520.90	

Chap. 90 Construction	
1955 Contract	4,509.83
1956 Contract	7,500.00
From Hampshire County Treasurer	
Chap. 90 Construction	
1955 Contract	2,004.27
1956 Contract	2,500.00
Old Age Assistance:	
Federal Grant for Aid	2,352.75
Federal Grant for Administration	274.69
State Aid	2,213.95
Meal Taxes	169.21
Refund	50.55
Schools:	
From Massachusetts Treasurer	
Chap. 70	6,886.01
Transportation	9,100.50
Aid for School Superintendents	466.67
Vocational Education	
Tuition	136.25
Transportation	58.83
Practical Arts	41.50
Registration Fees	15.00
Other Income from Massachusetts Treasurer:	
Flood Permanent Repair	89.12
Corporation Tax B	1,853.70
Income Tax	658.27
Animal Disease Control	12.50
Youth Service Board	900.00
From Hampshire County Treasurer:	
Dog License Refund	168.82
Bob Cat Bountys	40.00
Other Income:	
Town Clerk; Dog Licenses	256.20
Sealer of Weights and Measures	17.50
Pistol Permits	3.00

Milk Dealers' Licenses	3.00	
Junk Dealer's License, 3rd Class	7.50	
Lord's Day License	5.00	
Refunds	19.96	
Hearing Advertisement Refunds	19.80	
Withholding Taxes	2,008.80	
Retirement Deductions	112.77	
Machine Fund, Highway Dept.	2,863.50	
Rent of Town Machinery	103.75	
Interest from Trust Funds:		
Cemetery, Endowed Lots	34.60	
Cemetery, Totman Fund	60.00	
Whiting Street	39.68	
Wright	28.75	
Thayer	28.75	
Savings Bank Interest	315.31	
		111,083.37
		$188,027.96

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$70,265.19	
Paid School Committee Warrants	36,279.74	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1958	81,483.03	
		$188,027.96

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1957	$1,238.82
Interest Income 1957	35.85
Balance on Hand January 1, 1958	$1,274.67

ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 1957	$4,038.68	
Transferred to Road Machinery Account	3,000.00	
		$1,038.68
Add:		
Highway Earnings	$2,863.50	
Machinery Rental	103.75	
Unused 1957 Road Machinery Acct.	1,300.35	
		4,267.60
Balance on Hand January 1, 1958		$5,306.28

OUTSTANDING TAXES

1955	Real Estate	$2.10
	Excise	5.34
1956	Real Estate	212.00
	Excise	16.33
1957	Real Estate	4,960.17
	Personal Property	428.39
	Farm Excise	61.63
	Excise	1,629.43
	Poll	6.00
		$7,321.39

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST BY THE TOWN

		Interest Received in 1957
Cemetery:		
$2,000.00	Lucy Totman	$60.00
500.00	O. C. Bridgman	14.38
100.00	Myra G. Strong	2.88
100.00	Sarah C. Cook	2.88
100.00	George Burt	2.88

100.00	Samuel Edwards	2.88	
100.00	Arthur L. Searle	2.88	
100.00	Emma G. Damon	2.88	
50.00	David L. Brown	1.44	
50.00	Susan A. Loud	1.50	
			$94.60
Worthy Poor:			
$1,380.85	Whiting Street	$39.68	
1,000.00	Wright	28.75	
			68.43
Thayer:			
$1,000.00			28.75
			$191.78

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN
Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of one hundred six thousand, five hundred forty-four dollars and ninety-three cents ($106,544.93), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of eighty-one thousand, four hundred eighty-three dollars and three cents ($81,483.03). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, Tax Collector: 1955 Real Estate tax, two dollars and ten cents ($2.10); Excise five dollars and thirty-four cents ($5.34); 1956 Real Estate tax, two hundred twelve dollars and no cents ($212.00); Excise sixteen dollars and thirty-three cents ($16.33); 1957 Real Estate tax four thousand nine hundred sixty dollars and seventeen cents ($4,960.17); Personal Property tax four hundred twenty-eight dollars and thirty-nine cents ($428.39); Farm Excise sixty-one dollars and sixty-three cents ($61.63); Excise one thousand six hundred twenty-nine dollars and forty-three cents ($1,629.43); and Polls six dollars ($6.00).

JEAN W. NORRIS
Auditor

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the People of Westhampton:

We are happy to submit a report on the activities of your Board of Selectmen.

Chapter 81—Highway Work

Again this year considerable work was done on the Northwest Road. The hill in front of the Arthur Dodge farm was widened considerably, and we feel that with the repairing and widening of the bridge at the foot of the hill, the Northwest Road will be greatly improved.

Bond Issue Funds

As you all know, it was voted at the 1957 Annual Town Meeting to use $7,000.00 of the Bond Issue money to replace the Bridge at Loud's Mill, but unfortunately the plans were not received in time from the State Department of Public Works in order to complete the job before Winter. This project will be undertaken as soon as weather and high water will permit.

New Road Work

The road site at Pine Island Lake dam confronts quite a problem. How to alleviate the dangerous curve, at the least expense to the Town, is one of our major problems. We hope to have an answer to this soon.

Town Hall

The Town Hall has been used extensively this year. The Selectmen wish that anyone using this hall would refrain from leaving the lights on, the doors open, and above all entering the hall without first obtaining the key from the Custodian, Stanley Bartlett.

We wish to thank Stanley Bartlett for the splendid job he is doing as the Custodian of the Town Hall. He has been very patient about putting out the lights and closing the doors after the Town Hall has been used by various organizations.

We wish to call to the attention of the townspeople the fact that the acts of vandalism done to the Town Hall cannot be tolerated any further and if these acts continue, drastic steps will have to be taken.

We are very grateful to all Town Officials for their co-operation during the past year.

EARL R. GETT
WILLIAM M. FISKE
FRANK B. MONTAGUE
Selectmen of Westhampton

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

John Cernak, Jr.	$304.57	
Charles Brambilla	8.00	
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	166.66	
Earl Gett	1.20	
Ward Miller	10.35	
James Hickey	94.16	
Parson's Electric Shop	1.90	
Manchester Co.	2.41	
Stanley Bartlett	350.54	
New England Telephone & Telegraph	5.57	
Westhampton Water Co.	25.00	
Ernest A. Delisle Co.	6.16	
Boulanger's Plumbing Co.	1.00	
The Sherwin Williams Co.	2.05	
		$979.57

TOWN OFFICERS

Mass. Selectmen's Association—Dues	$10.00
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Association—Dues	4.00
Mass. Assessors' Association—Dues	9.00
Edith Blakesley—Copying Town Orders	25.00

Evelyn Tracy—Taking Town Census	30.00	
D. L. Judd—Town Clerk	250.00	
C. R. Burt—Moderator	15.00	
Hampshire County Selectmen's Association—Dues	6.00	
Ralph S. Bridgman—Treasurer	425.00	
Ralph S. Bridgman—Tax Collector	425.00	
Mass. Town Clerks' Association—Dues	7.50	
Earl Gett—Selectman	300.00	
Frank Montague—Selectman	200.00	
William Fiske—Selectman	200.00	
Sidney Cole—Assessor	175.00	
Gilbert Flint—Assessor	125.00	
Philip Norris—Assessor	125.00	
James Hickey—Dog Officer	25.00	
Frank Hathaway—School Committee	75.00	
Harold Wood—School Committee	62.50	
Henrietta Miller—School Committee	100.00	
Jean Norris—Auditor	25.00	
Stanley Bartlett—Sealer of Weights and Measures	20.00	
A. L. Snow—Inspector of Animals	40.00	
		$2,679.00

CHAPTER 81—MATERIAL

Omasta Sand and Gravel Co.	$100.80
New England Metal Culvert Co.	115.32
Raymond Bliven, Blasting and Material	16.73
The Chemical Corporation	355.85
Edward Balise, Gravel	221.80
American Tar and Asphalt Co.	2,893.53
The Lane Construction Corp.	187.50
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	652.42
Easthampton Grain Co.	1.65
W. N. Potter Grain Stores, Inc.	5.20

Arthur Dodge, Gravel	39.50	
Ada Williams, Gravel	63.80	
		$4,654.10

CHAPTER 81—PAYROLL

F. W. Blakesley	$1,213.50	
Harland Lemery	1,584.75	
Clifford Fisher, Jr.	23.75	
Albert LaFrance	511.25	
Richard Balise	343.75	
Eugene Lemery	232.50	
Hallett Construction Co.	6.50	
Omasta Construction Co.	1,918.20	
Omasta Sand & Gravel Co.	302.00	
Raymond Sears	30.00	
Charles Inman	78.00	
Raymond Blakesley	338.00	
Earl Gett, Jr.	16.25	
F. B. Montague	154.75	
Arthur Dodge	80.00	
Machine Fund	1,562.75	
		$8,395.95

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE MATERIAL

	1957 Appropriation	
American Tar & Asphalt Company	$1,605.68	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	412.59	
		$2,018.27

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE PAYROLL

	1957 Appropriation
F. W. Blakesley	$168.00
Harland Lemery	171.00
Richard Balise	61.25
Raymond Sears	12.00

Albert LaFrance	91.25	
Eugene Lemery	30.00	
Omasta Sand & Gravel	96.00	
Raymond Blakesley	107.25	
Charles Inman	24.75	
Earl Gett, Jr.	3.75	
Omasta Construction	40.50	
Machine Fund	176.25	
		$982.00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

Route #66

	1955 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	$624.00	
Harland Lemery	674.00	
Albert LaFrance	111.25	
Elmer Miller	152.00	
Richard Balise	35.00	
Clifford Fisher, Jr.	23.75	
Donovan Bros.	2,388.00	
Alfred Blakesley	14.00	
F. B. Montague	312.00	
Daniel Krug	45.00	
E. A. Montague	165.75	
Sidney Montague	7.50	
Dwight Church	3.75	
Machine Fund	365.25	
		$4,921.25

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Route #66

	1956 Appropriation
New England Metal Culvert Co.	$2,800.58
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	158.49

Omasta Sand & Gravel	208.80	
Donovan Bros.	3,210.80	
		$6,378.67

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

Route #66

	1956 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	$318.00	
Harland Lemery	310.50	
F. B. Montague	1,116.00	
Richard Balise	228.75	
Clifford Fisher, Jr.	43.75	
Albert LaFrance	36.25	
C. M. Norris	35.00	
Donovan Bros.	2,666.00	
Oliver Bishop	4.00	
Zack Donovan	896.00	
Hallett Construction Co.	4.50	
Raymond Bliven	5.00	
Machine Fund	458.25	
		$6,122.00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

Route #66

	1957 Appropriation	
Omasta Sand & Gravel	$21.60	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	339.00	
American Tar & Asphalt Co.	1,724.78	
Raymond Bliven	48.16	
Wirthmore Grain & Coal Co.	383.00	
Donovan Bros.	2,570.60	
The Lane Construction Corp.	24.90	
		$5,112.04

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION PAYROLL

Route #66

	1957 Appropriation	
F. W. Blakesley	$243.00	
Harland Lemery	296.50	
F. B. Montague	432.00	
Richard Balise	176.25	
Clifford Fisher, Jr.	65.00	
Zack Donovan	809.50	
Hallett Construction Co.	58.50	
John Omasta	69.00	
Albert LaFrance	53.75	
Eugene Lemery	75.00	
Omasta Sand & Gravel	24.00	
Donovan Bros.	684.00	
Machine Fund	301.00	
		$3,287.50

PARKING LOT FUND

F. W. Blakesley	$48.00	
Harland Lemery	48.00	
Albert LaFrance	40.00	
Eugene Lemery	10.00	
Edward Balise	5.20	
American Tar Company	246.30	
		$397.50

SNOW REMOVAL, SANDING, AND ROAD WORK

F. W. Blakesley	$130.50
Harland Lemery	416.25
F. B. Montague	865.00
Richard Balise	21.25
George Payson	20.63
Alfred Blakesley	12.50

W. N. Potter, Inc.	300.00	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel, Inc.	262.75	
Earl Gett	17.25	
Edward Balise	53.13	
Albert LaFrance	51.25	
Robert Adams	6.25	
Murray Clapp	5.00	
Freeman Scott	1.25	
James McGill	5.00	
Walter Henderson	5.00	
Clifford Fisher, Jr.	2.50	
Raymond Sarafin	1.88	
Eugene Lemery	27.50	
Chemical Corporation	446.25	
		$2,651.14

BRIDGES AND RAILINGS

F. W. Blakesley	$79.50	
Harland Lemery	85.75	
Albert LaFrance	30.00	
Mrs. Myron Clapp, Planks	35.28	
H. M. Parsons, Bridge Stringers	52.50	
		$283.03

ROAD MACHINERY

John Cernak, Jr.	$334.44
Frary Motors	125.52
Walsh Holyoke Fab. Div.	71.25
Cernak Farm Supply	497.56
Ed's Auto Parts	5.00
Oliver Bishop	36.00
E. F. Edson Co.	148.00
Harland Lemery	227.50
F. W. Blakesley	15.00

Foster-Farrar	12.34	
Perkins-Milton Co., Inc.	10.72	
Munson Auto Supply	14.90	
A. E. Witherell	6.50	
Manchester Co.	9.68	
Graves Equipment Co.	140.55	
Albert LaFrance	7.50	
Witherell Garage	16.70	
E. A. Delisle Co.	6.20	
Midtown Service Center	6.79	
Northampton Radiator Co.	7.50	
		$1,699.65

USED FIRE TRUCK ACCOUNT

Frary Motors	$500.00	
Stanley Bartlett	61.61	
James R. Shea	238.39	
		$800.00

ROAD MACHINERY AND FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

John Cernak, Jr.	$297.68	
Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	23.01	
James O. Hickey	10.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	9.00	
		$339.69

FIRE DEPARTMENT

James R. Shea	$181.67
Massachusetts Fire Equipment Corp.	51.00
American LaFrance Corp.	40.49
Stanley Bartlett	33.78
Oliver Bishop	40.33

The Brownell Co.	30.27	
Plumb Auto Supply	2.40	
Foster-Farrar Co.	6.08	
Manchester Co.	14.25	
H. B. Lyman Co.	12.50	
Air Express	32.85	
O'Brien Tire Service	40.80	
Munson Auto Supply	3.92	
E. B. Atmus Co., Inc.	24.05	
C. & G. Machine Tool Co.	78.90	
Waterous Co.	72.96	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	5.40	
Frank Munson	12.00	
		$683.65

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Stanley Bartlett	$150.00	
		$150.00

WATER HOLES

Omasta Sand & Gravel	$14.40	
		$14.40

RECREATION FUND

McCallum's Store	$6.16	
Purseglove Co.	21.00	
Albert LaFrance	1.50	
J. A. Purseglove Co.	41.50	
		$70.16

LIBRARY

George Howard	$27.30
Marion Mascho	159.70
Library Book House	150.92

Stanley Bartlett	79.53	
Literary Guild of America	26.20	
National Geographic Society	6.75	
P. J. and I. M. Clapp	24.00	
Edith E. Grant	50.80	
Henriette Miller	9.25	
Mrs. Harold Watts	17.00	
E. A. Delisle Co.	17.37	
		$568.82

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES

Kraushar Press	$26.00	
Barre Gazette	34.26	
Earl Gett	3.00	
Hobbs and Warren	50.53	
Easthampton News Co.	282.64	
Gazette Printing Co.	5.98	
D. L. Judd	10.87	
Albert I. Cartledge	6.38	
Mark Supple	38.60	
Poor Jim's Print Shop	18.50	
American Writing Ink Co.	1.02	
Commissioner of Public Safety	10.00	
R. S. Bridgman	1.25	
		$489.03

CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Stanley Bartlett	$422.84	
Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co.	22.16	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
		$450.00

CEMETERY INTEREST

The Florence Trading Post	$73.19	
		$73.19

TRUST FUNDS

Street & Wright Fund		
Marion Mascho, Treasurer	$68.43	
Thayer Fund,		
Parish Treasurer	14.38	
Thayer Fund,		
Town Treasurer	14.37	
		$97.18

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

Ralph Pomeroy	$40.00	
Raymond Warner	33.00	
Earl Gett	15.00	
Francis Loud	3.75	
H. S. Gere & Sons, Inc.	19.80	
Pierce's Paint & Art Store	1.10	
Smith Glass Co.	1.15	
		$113.80

INTEREST, INSURANCE, AND BONDS

Howell & Salls	$676.66	
George H. Howard	276.17	
E. Ray Ashley	110.78	
King & Cushman	321.46	
James P. McGrath	156.25	
		$1,541.32

INTEREST ON TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	$160.00	
		$160.00

TOWN HALL NOTE

Northampton National Bank	$1,000.00	
		$1,000.00

WITHHOLDING TAXES

First National Bank	$1,993.09	
		$1,993.09

RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$106.64	
		$106.64

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Western Massachusetts Electric Co.	$14.63	
Stanley Bartlett	6.70	
Riverside Transportation Co.	12.56	
		$33.89

TAX ABATEMENTS

Lester Weiler	$27.19	
Adelard Goodin	2.72	
Ida Fisher	5.45	
Dorothy Todd	2.05	
Veronica Larrow	8.85	
Sidney Montague	6.17	
W. M. Fiske	11.90	
Maurice Patenaude	2.86	
Raymond Blakesley	19.28	
Gilbert Flint	4.76	
Raymond Sarafin	36.41	
Richard Warren	6.43	
A. E. Witherell	9.52	
Joseph and Marion LaCourse	88.00	
Donald Barrett	5.71	
Arthur Cotnoir	2.00	
Thomas Vachula	17.13	
		$256.43

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Cases Aided—6	$5,651.84	
		$5,651.84

OLD AGE ADMINISTRATION

Estelle Frary, Salary and Expenses	$530.86	
Mark Supple	18.80	
Haskell & Gilbert	1.50	
William Dwyer	5.00	
		$556.16

CLERICAL HIRE

Frances Fox	$116.67	
Jessie Cole	83.33	
		$200.00

COUNSEL FEES

Andre and Bowen	$175.00	
		$175.00

COUNTY TAX

Hampshire County Treasurer	$2,900.85	
		$2,900.85

TAXES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Parks and Recreation	$148.86	
		$148.86

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

For Retirement System	$133.41	
		$133.41

POSTAGE AND TELEPHONE

Earl Gett	$15.11	
D. L. Judd	1.74	
R. S. Bridgman	1.99	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	24.00	
W. M. Fiske	1.17	
F. W. Blakesley	27.50	
		$71.51

DIPHTHERIA CLINIC

Ruth Hover	$25.00	
Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	25.00	
		$50.00

WELL CHILD CLINIC

Ruth Hover	$30.00	
Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	40.00	
Dr. Abel Ross, Examinations	20.00	
		$90.00

POLIO CLINIC

Eunice H. Cernak	$25.00	
Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	55.00	
		$80.00

BOARD OF HEALTH

Merck-Sharp & Dohme	$3.16	
Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	27.00	
Brandle Drug Store	10.86	
		$41.02

VACATION PAY FOR REGULAR EMPLOYEES

Vacation Pay	$144.00	
		$144.00

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Freeman Scott	$10.00	
Thomas Vachula	10.00	
W. R. Witherell, Sr.	28.70	
Richard Tracy	13.00	
Myron Hathaway	10.00	
		$71.70

GYPSY MOTH

Myron Hathaway	$15.00	
W. R. Witherell, Sr.	17.80	
		$32.80

MEMORIAL DAY

Laura Witherell	$18.00	
Rev. William May	15.00	
		$33.00

DOG LICENSES

Hampshire County Treasurer	$279.00	
		$279.00

ABANDONED PROPERTY

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$3.08	
		$3.08

GEORGE BARDEN FUND

Mrs. E. G. Hughes	$100.00	
		$100.00

RECAPITULATION

Town Hall Account	$979.57
Town Officers	2,679.00
Chapter 81—Material (1957 Appropriation)	4,654.10
Chapter 81—Payroll (1957 Appropriation)	8,395.95
Chapter 90—Maintenance Material (1957 Appropriation)	2,018.27
Chapter 90—Maintenance Payroll (1957 Appropriation)	982.00
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1955 Appropriation) Route #66	4,921.25
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1956 Appropriation) Route #66	6,378.67
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1956 Appropriation) Route #66	6,122.00
Chapter 90—Construction Material (1957 Appropriation) Route #66	5,112.04
Chapter 90—Construction Payroll (1957 Appropriation) Route #66	3,287.50
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	2,651.14
Parking Lot Fund	397.50
Bridges and Railings	283.03
Road Machinery	1,699.65
Used Fire Truck Account	800.00
Road Machinery and Fire Department Building	339.69
Fire Department	683.65
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden	150.00
Water Holes	14.40
Recreation Fund	70.16
Library	568.82
Printing and Supplies	489.03
Cemetery Account	450.00
Cemetery Interest	73.19

Trust Funds	97.18	
Contingent Account	113.80	
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,541.32	
Interest on Town Hall Note	160.00	
Town Hall Note	1,000.00	
Withholding Taxes	1,993.09	
Retirement System	106.64	
Civilian Defense	33.89	
Tax Abatements	256.43	
Old Age Assistance	5,651.84	
Old Age Administration	556.16	
Clerical Hire	200.00	
Counsel Fees	175.00	
County Tax	2,900.85	
Taxes	148.86	
Special Appropriations	133.41	
Postage and Telephone	71.51	
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00	
Well Child Clinic	90.00	
Polio Clinic	80.00	
Board of Health	41.02	
Vacation Pay for Regular Employees	144.00	
Dutch Elm Disease	71.70	
Gypsy Moth	32.80	
Memorial Day	33.00	
Dog Licenses	279.00	
Abandoned Property	3.08	
George Barden Fund	100.00	
		$70,265.19

BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1958

Schools	$41,725.50
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00

Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,800.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Old Age Administration	550.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	90.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,700.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Insect Pest Control	100.00
Dutch Elm Disease	180.00
Printing and Supplies	600.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	400.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	150.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	3,500.00
Veterans' Relief	200.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Buildings	550.00
Postage and Telephone	150.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	118.26
Recreation Committee	100.00
Town Hall Bond	1,000.00
Interest on Town Hall Bond	140.00
Polio Clinic	100.00
Water Holes	50.00
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00

Tree Removal	100.00	
Civilian Defense	100.00	
Vacation Pay	144.00	
		$71,967.76

NAMES IN THE JURY BOX FOR 1958

Mr. Joseph LaCourse	Laborer
Mr. David Cole	Poultryman
Mr. Ellis Hover	Accountant
Mr. Wayne Buzzee	Cutter
Mr. Theodore Derouin	Clerk
Mr. Leo Aloisi	Farmer
Mr. Roscoe Hurd	Operator
Mr. Walter Henderson	Operator
Mr. Herbert Mascho	Salesman

JURORS DRAWN IN 1957

Mrs. Edward Fox
Mrs. Sidney Cole
Mr. Harold LaCombe

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS — 1957

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

Schools	$38,500.00
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction	2,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,800.00
Old Age Assistance	6,000.00
Old Age Administration	650.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	80.00
Interest, Insurance, and Bonds	1,600.00
Town Hall Maintenance	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	150.00
Dutch Elm Disease	150.00
Printing and Supplies	500.00
Library, Dog Fund Plus	300.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Account	150.00
Snow Removal, Sanding, and Road Work	3,500.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	200.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	450.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Department	400.00
Fire Department and Road Machinery Building	550.00
Postage and Telephone	150.00
Clerical Hire	200.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	133.41
Recreation Committee	100.00

Town Hall Bond	1,000.00	
Veterans' Relief	200.00	
Vacation Pay for Town Employees	144.00	
Interest on Town Hall Bond	160.00	
Water Holes	75.00	
Fire Chief and Forest Warden	150.00	
Tree Removal	100.00	
Civilian Defense	100.00	
State-Aided Vocational Education	100.00	
Used Truck for Fire Department	800.00	
		$65,412.41

FROM BALANCE IN THE TREASURY

Highways, Chapter 81	$8,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90, Construction	10,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,000.00	
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Road Machinery Account	3,000.00	
Loud's Mill Bridge Construction	18,000.00	
Dog Refund	168.82	
State Parks and Reservations	187.43	
Overlay	1,945.46	
County Tax	2,952.56	
		47,254.27
Total 1957 Appropriations		$112,666.68
Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	$69,361.77	
Net Amount Raised on Polls and Property	43,304.91	
		$112,666.68

Personal Property Valuation	$152,360.00	
Real Estate Valuation	824,797.00	
		$977,157.00
Tax on Personal Property	$6,703.84	
Tax on Real Estate	36,291.07	
Tax on Polls	310.00	
		$43,304.91
Tax Rate		$ 44.00
Motor Vehicle Tax 1956		797.54
Motor Vehicle Tax 1957		7,083.82
Exemptions on Real Estate		440.00
Exemptions on Polls		24.00
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1956		222.84
Abatements on Motor Vehicles 1957		358.03
Abatements on Real Estate 1957		37.62

FROM THE TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Year	*Horses*	*Cows*	*Sheep*	*Goats*	*Cattle*	*Swine*	*Fowl*	*Dwellings*
1955	19	356	47	11	117	17	10,766	239
1956	12	349	29		108	20	10,387	246
1957	17	480	27		13	15	18,578	247

GILBERT I. FLINT

SIDNEY H. COLE

PHILIP J. NORRIS

Board of Assessors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1957

One hundred and eighteen books were added to the Memorial Library during the year 1957. Twenty-two were gifts from Daniel Bridgman, Mrs. Marion Button, and Mrs. Violet Osborne. Fifty-five books were for adults and sixty-three were children's books. The library subscribes to fifteen magazines and several magazines are given to the library.

A new and much larger Bookmobile which was purchased for the Regional Library Center in Greenfield this year, visits the library and Center School.

The following books were borrowed from the Bookmobile for distribution:

Adult Fiction	184
Adult Non-Fiction	66
Juvenile Fiction	255
Juvenile Non-Fiction	84

There were twenty qualified readers in the Adventures in Reading with three hundred ninety-two books read.

November 21, in observance of Book Week, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Watts, trustees of the library and Mrs. Mascho visited the Center School and reviewed the books that were added to the Children's Library.

This winter the inside of the library is to receive a new coat of paint and new draperies will be hung at the windows.

An accurate report of the circulation of books and magazines for this past year cannot be given, but the library has been well used and the circulation has been as good as other years.

MARION MASCHO

Librarian

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Westhampton:

The Westhampton School Committee holds regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month except July and August.

The functions of the School Committee are:

(a) To serve as a planning and policy-making body.
(b) To review proposals and criticisms.
(c) To continually evaluate schools in terms of community needs.

The School Committee employs a Superintendent of Schools, whose function is to execute the formulated policies and interpret these policies to the town of Westhampton.

In the spring of 1957, the Easthampton School Planning Committee invited the School Committees of Southampton and Westhampton to meet with them and discuss the possibilities of a Regional High School for the three towns.

Your committee attended several meetings and in June the three towns held special Town Meetings and according to State Law, voted to have the moderator appoint three people, one of whom must be a member of the school committee. This committee of three and like committees from the other two towns (total of nine), to be known as the Regional School Planning Board.

In September the board started to work out an agreement. They met every week until the week before Christmas. During this time they went to Boston once to consult with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission and also carried on much correspondence with said Commission.

An agreement was reached that was satisfactory to the entire board. This agreement has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education, the Massachusetts Emergency Finance Board and the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission.

By the time you read this report you will have received a copy of the brochure explaining about the proposed Regional School District.

Those representing Westhampton on the Regional School Planning Board are Mrs. Ruth Hover, Willis Fuller, and Frank Hathaway.

The following reports of our superintendent, Mr. J. Walter Richard; our principal, Mr. Richard M. Towse; art supervisor, Mrs. Marion Button; nurse, Mrs. Eunice Cernak, cover in detail the activities at the Center School.

These reports have been read and approved by the School Committee and are respectfully submitted to the Town of Westhampton.

FRANK E. HATHAWAY, Chm.
MRS. WILLIAM B. MILLER, Sec.
HAROLD B. WOOD
School Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools, Union #52, is herewith submitted. It is the fifth report since the five-town school union was formed.

The Westhampton School Committee reorganized at the regular monthly meeting held in March. Mr. Frank Hathaway was elected to serve as Chairman, Mrs. William Miller as Secretary and Mr. Harold Wood is the third member of the School Committee.

I am happy to report that several repairs and installations have been made at the Center School during this past year.

1. New covering was placed on part of the roof.
2. A concrete wall was installed at the rear of the building.
3. The fire door was repaired and the fire door wall was pointed up.
4. A new metal fence was installed along the front of the school. This is a great improvement as it eliminates the danger of children running out of the school yard to retrieve play balls.

The Westhampton School Committee, together with the Superintendent of Schools and other School Committees in the area, attended a weekly seminar at Smith College in the Spring of 1957. The purpose of the seminar was to orient school committee members in their duties and powers.

At the annual meeting of Union #52 held at Smith's School in Northampton, I was elected as Superintendent of Schools for three years. Mr. N. Deming Hoyt was elected as Adjustment Counsellor for the towns of Williamsburg, Westhampton, and Worthington. Mrs. Robert O'Neill was elected as Secretary for Union #52. We are most grateful to Mr. Lauri Ronka, Director, for giving us the opportunity

to meet at Smith's School where we were taken on a tour of the entire plant. The educational and vocational opportunities provided to youngsters who wish to further their education were explained. At this meeting, Mr. Kenneth Sherk of Williamsburg was elected Union Chairman and Mrs. Robert Lucey was elected secretary.

Mrs. Esther Norris of Westhampton resigned as Music Supervisor for the Center School at the end of the school year. We are most grateful to Mrs. Norris for the many years of service in the Westhampton School. Mrs. Elizabeth Torrey of Worthington is our new music supervisor. She comes to us very well qualified, having served in the same capacity in both Chesterfield and Worthington.

There were no changes made in our regular teaching staff. The organization is as follows:

Principal—	Mr. Richard Towse	Grades 5 & 6
	Mrs. Patricia Norris	Grades 3 & 4
	Miss Rachel Bridgman	Grades 1 & 2

Supervisors in specialized fields are as follows:

Mrs. Marion Button	Art Supervisor
Mrs. Elizabeth Torrey	Music Supervisor
Rinehart Supervisor	Penmanship

Enrollment figures were taken at the beginning of the school year. On October 1, 1957, Westhampton had 63 elementary pupils and 36 Junior-Senior High School pupils.

ENROLLMENT

Center School	grade 1— 9	Williamsburg	
	grade 2—10	Junior High School	13
	grade 3—12	Williamsburg	
	grade 4—11	Senior High School	5
	grade 5—12	Northampton High School	13
	grade 6— 9	Smith's School	5
	63		36

The Westhampton School Committee voted in May to allow Westhampton pupils to attend Williamsburg High School if they so desired.

Of importance to all citizens is the new state minimum law, effective September 1957, raising teachers' minimum salary from $3,000 to $3,300. There is no doubt that, if we wish to staff our school with professionally prepared teachers, we must recognize that these people should be adequately paid. So few of our college graduates are entering the teaching profession that it would indicate there may be financial reasons why our young people are turning to better paying positions.

Again this year, a day was set aside for teachers to meet and study some area of the curriculum. Teachers indicated through a survey that Arithmetic was the subject they wished to re-evaluate. The Mass. Department of Education has been most helpful in making this day possible. Miss Margaret Shea, Elementary State Supervisor, again this year furnished us with outstanding consultants who met with groups of teachers and discussed all areas of arithmetic learning in elementary schools. These one-day-workshops, we feel, do much to stimulate and redirect the thinking on the part of teachers, which in turn should result in richer learning experiences for children.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee, teachers, Mr. Stanley Bartlett, members of the P. T. A. and other citizens of Westhampton for their loyal support during the past year.

J. WALTER RICHARD

Superintendent of Schools

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT — 1957

Since my last report to the Town, some changes have occurred at the Center School. In June, seven youngsters were promoted to junior high in Williamsburg. On September 4th, nine first graders began their formal education with us. Mrs. George Torrey is the new music supervisor and has brought with her a program of instruction in the fundamentals of reading and singing music. The social studies program has been improved with the purchase of the Tiegs-Adams series of textbooks from Ginn & Co. We now have a uniform, modern set of texts on which to base our curriculum. New and up-to-date readers in the Scott-Foresman series were put into use this year also.

During October the teachers attended a curriculum workshop which revealed to us more modern and meaningful techniques in the teaching of arithmetic. We applaud the opportunity given us to improve our professional abilities through these workshops. Physical changes this year are on the positive side. The drainage system was revamped during the summer and new shades adorn the windows of the principal's room. In December, the budget allowed for the construction of a cyclone fence along the road side of the playground providing much needed protection for the children.

Religious training, Bookmobile service, 4-H Clubs, and field trips are some of the old features of our program we have retained. The three regular teachers returned in September. The value of retaining the same faculty is great. Sixty children participated in the school savings program and banked a total of $454.02 during the year. Forty-eight children are insured under the school accident insurance program this year.

A notable feature of the school year was the excellent talk Mrs. Patricia Norris, teacher of grade three, gave to the P. T. A. on children's literature.

Probably the finest program of its kind in town for many years was the operetta "Hansel and Gretel" which was presented on graduation night last June. Marion Button, our Art Supervisor, did a professional job on the scenery which drew applause from the audience. The director, Mrs. Esther Norris, said "Good Bye" to our school after "Hansel and Gretel", terminating many years of outstanding service to the town of Westhampton.

I wish to express my thanks to those who made it possible for me to attend the Principals' Conference last spring in Amherst.

The children of Westhampton proved hale and hearty as the Asian Flu epidemic of last fall didn't pack enough punch to close our school as it did in most of the surrounding communities.

Dr. N. Deming Hoyt, Adjustment Counsellor; Dr. Keith Wilbur, School Physician; Mrs. Eunice Cernak, R. N., School Nurse; Marion Button, Art Supervisor; Mrs. George Torrey, Music Supervisor; Dr. Abel Ross, School Dentist; and Stanley Bartlett, Custodian; round out the able staff that attempts to fulfill the educational needs of Westhampton youth.

Challenging changes in the world have brought a new emphasis on the strengths and weaknesses of our educational system. To be so smug as to believe we need not face this challenge would be folly. Here at the elementary level, we must build the foundations necessary to forge a stronger American system of government, morals, and technical skill. Status quo is inadequate. The assistance and support of every citizen is needed to help us take our place in the battle of educational systems. To the United States of America, to the Town of Westhampton, and to the children in our care, we, your school staff, are dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD M. TOWSE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

Dr. C. Keith Wilbur did the yearly physical examinations in September.

The Puretone audiometer was used to test all the children in October. The Massachusetts vision test was used for visual defects in November. In the majority of the children that failed, the parents took prompt corrective measures.

Dr. Abel Ross examined for dental defects in October. This year also, many children had large amounts of dental work done.

In October all children were weighed and measured and asked to use good hygiene and general cleanliness to help during outbreaks of the flu.

In November many children were absent with the flu, but not enough at any one time to necessitate the closing of school.

The Town Hall facilities were used again this year for the physical, eye and ear examinations.

I wish to thank the teachers for their cooperation in all health matters and also Mr. Stanley Bartlett for the cleanliness of the school building.

Respectfully submitted,

EUNICE H. CERNAK, R. N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE ART SUPERVISOR

The Westhampton Center School Art classes are held every other week. One hour is given to each classroom.

The first and second grades have been working with crayon and basic techniques of water colors. The third and fourth grades have done very well in using many different media. This fall each grade has been given instruction in drawing in more than one dimension and this has made a great improvement in their classroom paintings and drawings.

Some of the construction and painting on the scenery for "Hansel and Gretel" was done by the older classes. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the details and painting involved in making stage sets.

I want to thank those responsible for the supplies which make the Art program possible.

MARION S. BUTTON

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF STATE AIDED VOCATIONAL TRAINING

The Town of Westhampton voted the sum of $200.00 for Vocational Training at the 1956 Town Meeting. This money was not used and reverted to the Town Treasury on December 31, 1957.

A class in Cake Decorating began on March 15, 1957. The course was conducted by Mrs. Hughes of Amherst. Seventeen pupils enrolled and only fifteen could be instructed under the State Law which limits the classes.

The expenses of this course was taken from the George Barden Fund of $200.00 which is a federal grant. The State has reimbursed us $41.50—leaving $158.50 in the Barden Fund.

There are no classes planned in the Practical Arts in the immediate future.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRIETTE P. MILLER

Secretary School Committee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXPENDITURE

Appropriation	$38,500.00	
Expended in 1957	36,279.74	
Balance		$2,220.26

Administration

J. Walter Richard, Salary	$831.12	
J. Walter Richard, Travel	75.00	
Ruth S. Hover, Census	15.00	
Jeannette M. O'Neill, Secretary	248.04	
School Committee Expenses	12.00	
		$1,181.16

Instruction

Teachers' Salaries:		
Richard Towse	$3,620.00	
Rachel Bridgman	3,166.72	
Patricia Norris	3,100.00	
Esther Norris, Music	60.00	
Marion Button, Art	200.00	
Elizabeth Torrey, Music	110.00	
Rinehart Handwriting System	200.00	
Marion Mascho, Sub.	56.00	
Helen Tilley, Special	135.60	
N. Deming Hoyt, Salary	933.36	
N. Deming Hoyt, Travel	150.00	
		11,791.68
Books		422.03
Supplies		277.33

Maintenance		
Janitor's Salary	$975.00	
Fuel	442.50	
Operating Expenses	480.53	
Repairs and Replacements	1,810.68	
		3,708.71
General		
Health:		
Eunice Cernak, R. N.	$200.00	
Dr. Keith Wilbur	200.00	
Dr. Abel Ross	20.00	
		420.00
Transportation:		
Elementary—W. Witherell	$3,921.22	
High and Vocational—W. Witherell	2,718.00	
Junior High—Hampshire Trans.	3,000.00	
		9,639.22
Tuition:		
Springfield Public Schools		
Adult Education	$14.25	
High School		
Town of Williamsburg	3,202.38	
City of Northampton	4,379.84	
Vocational		
Smith's School	1,120.74	
		8,717.21
Contingent Outlay		122.40
Total Expenses for Schools for 1957		$36,279.74

RECEIPTS

Funds Received in 1957 Toward School Expenses:		
Mass. School Fund, Chap. 70	$6,886.01	
Mass. School Fund, Chap. 71 Transportation	9,100.50	
Superintendent's Salary	466.66	
Vocational Tuition	136.25	
Vocational Transportation	58.83	
Adult Practical Arts	41.50	
Youth Service Board	900.00	
		17,589.75
NET COST OF MAINTAINING SCHOOLS FOR 1957		$18,689.99

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1957

	5 - 7 yrs.	7 - 16 yrs.	16 Yrs. or over
Boys	11	52	3
Girls	9	45	3
Total	20	97	6

WESTHAMPTON SCHOOL DEPT. BUDGET

	Budget 1957	Spent 1957	Budget 1958
Administration	$1,000.00	$1,181.16	$1,337.50
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	13,000.00	11,791.68	12,500.00
Books	300.00	422.03	300.00
Classroom Supplies	300.00	277.33	300.00

Maintenance			
Janitor's Salary	1,100.00	975.00	1,000.00
Fuel	700.00	442.50	500.00
Operating Expense	400.00	480.53	400.00
Repairs	2,000.00	1,810.68	1,200.00
General			
Health	350.00	420.00	350.00
Trans.—High and Voc.	5,700.00	5,718.00	5,700.00
Trans.—Elem.	4.200.00	3,921.22	4,000.00
Tuition—High and Jr. High, Vocational	11,000.00	8,717.21	13,888.00
Outlay	250.00	122.40	150.00
Contingent	500.00		100.00
	$40,800.00	$36,279.74	$41,725.50

Budget Voted by Town $38,500.00

REPORT OF THE WELL CHILD CONFERENCE

The Well Child Conference was held in the Westhampton Town Hall on June 5, 1957.

The Staff included:

Dr. C. Keith Wilbur	Physician
Dr. Abel Ross	Dentist
Mrs. Irene Delisle	Registrar
Mrs. Ruth Hover	Nurse

There were 22 children examined of which 8 were new cases. Dr. Wilbur wished to conduct this conference mornings which eliminated the need for the Mothers Club to plan luncheon.

Dr. Abel Ross examined 17 children and 6 were found to have caries with 11 in good condition.

Vaccinated 3.

DIPHTHERIA AND POLIO CLINICS

Diphtheria P. T. Vaccine	10
Polio—May 1, 1957	14
Polio—May, 1957	
Dr. Wilbur's Office	21
Polio—June 5, 1957	6

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER

REPORT OF THE CENTER CEMETERY

1957 marked the thirteenth year I have served as caretaker of the cemetery.

Throughout those years there has been considerable grounds improvement work especially in making it easier to take care of the cemetery. Most of this grading work was done by tedious wheelbarrow and shovel hand labor. Heavy labor saving machinery is out of the question because of possible damage to monument or the collapsing of graves. Seeding of newly graded work is a serious problem as natural rainfall is so undependable when young grass needs daily attention. Many thousands of square feet of grass sod were cut, lifted, and reset to keep the cemetery always looking its best while grading work was being done. More improvement work is scheduled just as soon as spring arrives.

During October and November the new addition to the cemetery was given considerable attention. The brush was all cut off and burned. The fence bordering the new addition was taken down. Most of the boarding was saved and stored in the cemetery equipment shed. Very few of the locust posts were worth saving. A bulldozer was brought in and pushed all of the stumps out of the way and leveled off the land. The new addition is 200 feet by 350 feet or approximately one and two-thirds acres.

The routine maintenance work was performed as usual, such as raking, mowing, fence and road repair.

There were five burials this year.

STANLEY BARTLETT

Caretaker

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

This is my second year as head of the Fire Department.

The past year has shown a great improvement in our fire fighting equipment and at the same time proved our fears of antiquated apparatus breakdown. Early last spring a truck suitable to carry our 1,500 gallon water tank was located in Greenfield. Members of the Fire Department mounted the tank on the chassis and painted the entire tank and truck. The tanker is equipped with a portable pump and several lengths of hose. It has served us well on two occasions last summer. Our original piece of fire appartus failed us when it was needed the most at a house and barn fire last summer. The pump was being operated continuously for three hours when it froze up and stalled the engine. The pumper was out of service for ten weeks during the severe drought while waiting for replacement parts to be made. A long period of inadequate fire protection must be expected in the future should a breakdown occur again.

Twice in 1957, the Governor closed the woodlands of the Commonwealth to reduce forest fire conflagrations such as occurred at Miles Standish State Forest. During such declaration of emergency all organized Fire Departments were placed under control of the State Civil Defense Agency and may be called to give assistance to any town in the State. No outdoor fires of any kind may be started during such Governor declared emergencies except by permission from the local fire chief only. No fires were reported in town during these emergencies thanks to the splendid cooperation of the townspeople.

Members of the Fire Department answered the following calls for assistance:

2 Soot Clogged Chimneys
5 Brush and Grass Fires
1 House and Barn

Permits Issued:

82 Outdoor Fire Permits
4 Power Burner and Oil Storage Permits
1 Space Heater and Oil Storage Permit
3 Liquid Petroleum (Gas) Storage Permits

Parts and Equipment Purchased:

1 Cab and Chassis Truck
1 Pair Asbestos Gloves
1 Stainless Steel Indian Tank
6 Long Handle Shovels
Forest Fire Rakes
Pumper Repair Parts
1 Portable Pump and Hose Adaptors
1 Tank Truck Tire
6 Carpenter's Adz
Grass Fire Brooms
Tire Chains
Fire Extinguisher Recharges

New members joining the Fire Department:

Alfred Blakesley
Harold Lacombe
Robert White

The firemen held an open house at the fire station and club room to acquaint the townspeople with the many hours of hard work volunteered by their fellowmen in providing fire protection to the town. All equipment was on display and an elaborate exhibit and demonstration was planned. Disappointment over the few townspeople responding cancelled the program.

Again I wish to emphasize giving serious consideration to replacing the 21 year old pumper. Your present fire insurance rating may at any moment be cancelled because of antiquated equipment.

Since waterhole appropriation fund is inadequate for new construction such fund is used to maintain present waterholes and their approaches. I recommend to groups of property owners where water supply for fire purpose is lacking to combine their efforts and build waterholes. Excavating machinery is right here in town or near by for the asking.

I wish to thank everyone for their heroic effort at the Aloisi fire. Physical discomfort was rejected and no expense was too great. I wish to thank the Hampshire Sand & Gravel Co. for donating the use of their equipment to clean out and enlarge the waterhole near Mrs. Minnie Loud's house. Also thanks to Oliver Bishop for his many hours of welding and painting the tank truck. To Morris Frary for reconditioning the tank truck, reupholstering the pickup truck seat and his many other contributions. To Phillip Clapp and Henry Parsons for lumber contributions. To all of those who helped work on the tank truck and pumper repair and especially to Frank Munson, Earl Gett, Harland Lemery, Harold Lacombe, Richard Warren, and James Hickey many thanks.

In 1957, your Fire Chief attended several meetings in Amherst with Civil Defense authorities regarding assistance to areas hit by natural disasters or enemy action. He attended the Rural Fire Department Conference in conjunction with the Agricultural Union Meetings in Worcester. Also visited the Civil Defense warehouse in Taunton to purchase surplus material for the Fire and Highway Departments.

STANLEY BARTLETT

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Building Permits Issued in 1957:

Frank Miller	Picnic Shelter
Fred Bongiovanni	House and Barn
Fred Lavalley	Barn
Otis Blethen	Summer Camp
Arthur Delisle	House
Leo Aloisi	Milk Room and House
Roscoe Hurd, Jr.	House
Sidney Cole	Poultry House
W. F. Sheckler	Barn and House
Oliver Bishop	Barn
Arthur Delisle	Barn and House
Ralph Bridgman	Skating Shelter

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD LACOMB
Building Inspector

ARTICLES OF THE TOWN WARRANT

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1958

Ten A. M. — Prompt

Article 1. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect by ballot necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 4. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $1,000.00 to cover the 1958 note on the Town Hall and $140.00 for the interest on the same.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote one week vacation with pay (forty-eight hours) to permanent employees.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $100.00 for Insect Pest Control.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $180.00 for Dutch Elm Disease.

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